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On 19 September 1947 the Ecuadorian Communist Party held a general meeting in Quito to discuss the position of the Party. The following remarks were made by prominent Communist Party leaders in Ecuador:

1. Dr. Ricardo Paredes stated that presently the Party is politically weak, but through the continued dissemination of propaganda within the Army and factories, and through the establishment of cells, a true revolution could be effected.
2. Pedro Saad urged the people to maintain a peaceful state of affairs during the political events of the near future. He anticipated an economic crisis in the country during 1948-1950, as a result of the decrease in exports since the war. When this crisis arrives, the Communist Party expects to be able to carry forward its program.
3. Enrique Gil Gilbert pointed out that the significant factor in recent political events was the coalition between Galo Plaza Lasso and the Conservative Party. He accused Plaza of having betrayed the Ecuadorian people for the fifth time. Gil Gilbert urged the masses to increase their influence as much as possible.

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